

Broadway and Elsewhere

By Jack Lait

MEET LUKE THE MEK—

We have been reading about various workers who look to gratitudes (by way of what we call "tips") for a substantial share of their income. All complain that the manna is thinner than it had been in recent years. So we got to wondering how the ones who depend entirely on the generosity of the hander-outer are faring.

I found Luke the Duke, my favorite pan-handler, who works the east side of a block on Lexington Avenue.

"No so good," said Luke. "I haven't felt the weight of a quarter today—nickels is the standard practice now. A dime comes with a flourish like it was gonna put me beyond want for me nach'ral life."

"Pretty cheap, when you realize it's the price of salvation."

"How do you figure that?" I asked.

"He who giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord... So these good Christians blow their bucks in bars, night clubs, on this and that—an't to the Lord they lend a jilt."

"I'm the outlet to delude the self they're not penny-ante pikers as well as Christian slackers. They fumble an' fidget an' come up wit' a coin an' slip it to me an' hurry off. They don't look me in the eye."

"They haven't enough moxie to say, 'Sorry—that's all the change I got.'"

"They got an expression like a party slippin' a slug in a subway turnstile."

"I feel like chuckin' it right back in their puss."

"During the happy days of the recent unpleasants, GIs and gobs used to mit me half a buck, even foldin' dough. An' wit' a smile, I'd hand the pickin's in pleasure. If I didn't have cert'n commitments, I wouldn't put out me palm for such chickenfeed. I'm a clemensy-nary essential, not no economic parasite."

"I got a notion to strike. What do you think'd happen if all of us struck? How would these here pikers go through the motions o' doin' their sacred duties, as well as gratifyin' their complexes?"

"Data how these chislers lend to the Lord. An' when I say lend, I mean nothin' else. I mean, I hope to pay it all back some day."

"Pay it back?" I asked. "When?"

"When the meek inherit the earth," sighed Luke the Duke.

Reported Romancing—Comic Joey Adams and showgirl Junior Standish... Elizabeth Scott's sis, Justine, and CBSinger Bobby Doyle, at the Simpson... Elizabeth's other sis, Marcia, and Bill "Call Me Mr." Callahan of the "Henry" ("Here's") Morgan and air actress Isobel Gibbs, due to wed this month...

R. S. Evans, Florida car merchant, and Betty Grimes, vocal-tenorist, seen at Bradley's... Nick Bajeonous and Anna Wyman... Jackie Miles and Lee Dennis... the Latin 4... Otto Preminger and Yvonne de Carlo... Little Vienna's Irving Jaeger and Havana-Madrid's Joy Lawrence—who seem to have joined Notions.

Rep. John Coffee wrote an article for a monthly magazine last January, titled: "Who Made Money in This War?"... Bob Aida, in a personal appearance at the Strand, was an usher there in '34—aside 3... Scandinavian show-shoppers here have bought rights to "Class Menagerie," "Cullahan of the Turle" and "Red Mill"... David Brooks, baritone, in line for the lead in

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"Toplittey of Notre Dame," for which Joan Leslie is being solicited... Carlos Salamaña, ex-Ambassador from Bolivia, will return to lecture at Williams College—on philosophy.

Ellen Drew's gowns in "Johnny O'Clock" are even more daring than those displayed by—and displaying—Rita Hayworth in "Gilda"...

Boots Mallory and Herbert Marshall want to wed. She has her divorce from Bill Cagney, but it's a California job, so she must wait a year for her final release of course, she chooses Nevada (Mexico). Marshall is separated from his wife, no divorce plans definite. But it's a marriage, sure, some day... Betty Winkler, radio actress, and Bob Jennings, Chicago ad exec, have decided divorce isn't bad... The Eric Adrian-George Jay meeting becomes final this month... But Elizabeth Arden, Parisian actress, and Jacques Deval (former husband of Danielle Darrieux) cut theirs with a click—in Mexico City.

Gwendolyn Stone is a beautiful and talented dancer... She has appeared in several West Coast revue creations and in films, including "Night and Day"... No one seeing her would imagine that she is a deaf mute and has been since childhood. She picks up rhythms with her feet, via vibrations. She takes directions and cues by unfailing lip-reading.

Santa Fe Skyway is carrying specialized cargoes, including perishables... No schedules will be made... Flying personnel will be mostly veterans, 11 of whom have signed on... One plane has refrigeration equipment, which weighs only one percent of the gross tonnage and can register 120 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit. It carries a three-ton payload.

Seen Together—Nancy Walker and Art Ford—after a hiatus... Jean Harrison, director-producer of "Boston Blackie," and Hank Silvern, maestro (married, maybe)...

Dick Dane with the Vickers... Omar P. Elder and Betty Anne Nymann, both of "Annie Get Your Gun"... Charlie Chaplin, Jr., and Virginia Weidler... Myrna Dell-Dan Topping... Luba Malina and Stewart Chaney, set designers... Penny Bancroft, Versailles lark, and Bob Davis, Wall Streeter... Bruce Humberstone and Margaret Rettig, Chicago deb... Fritz Lang and red-haired Norine Cassidy, Lubbock Texas, heiress.

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OPA Decontrol Board Sworn In



U. S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Hugo Black administers oath to three-man OPA Decontrol Board during ceremonies in Washington. Left to right are George M. Mead, Dayton, Ohio; Chairman Roy L. Thompson, New Orleans, La.; Daniel W. Bell, Washington, D. C.; Reconversion Director John R. Steelman, and Black.

Meet in Closed Session

Mead Investigators to Set Up Priorities on 500 New Leads

Doubts Rise Again

Russia Loses Popularity in Europe Within Year

By VIRGIL PINKLEY

Vienna, (UP)—A year ago Russia was extremely popular in most European countries. The Soviets enjoyed enormous prestige, the highest since the Bolshevik revolution swept the present government into power.

But this correspondent who has traveled extensively in western Europe and Scandinavia the past 12 months must report that this attitude largely has passed and the old feeling of doubt has increased.

In some cases doubt has developed into fear. Today one hears frequently in many quarters lively discussions on how Russia can be defeated in the coming war which to some people seems inevitable.

This swing away from Russia has been sharpest in the past three or four months.

What have the Soviets done to cause this and what has Russia's foreign policy in exchange for this withdrawal of friendship and lowering prestige for the victories of the Red armies and the gallant Russian people.

In the case of Britain, France and the United States mistrust or failure to understand the Soviets stems chiefly from Russian policy in Germany and Austria and at the conference table of the United Nations and meetings of the foreign ministers.

Attacks against America and western Europe in Moscow newspapers and by Radio Moscow which are controlled entirely by the Kremlin serve as departments of the government have not helped the situation either.

Biased for Offices

People of many European countries have seen Communist activity accelerated locally and rightly or wrongly they believe Moscow responsible.

They have noted that in countries which have come under the influence of Moscow Communists hold key governmental positions in the interior, armed forces, education and propaganda ministries.

In some cases Communists also hold the ministries of food and mines of foreign affairs. With these key ministries they have rigid control of the police and secret service while the ministries of armed forces insure the direction of the army, air force and navy.

These bodies tend to prevent uprisings and protect governments despite popular feelings. The ministries of propaganda control press, radio, magazines, cinemas, theaters and in some degree churches—virtually all mediums for expression.

Feminist Ideologies

The ministries of education formulate what youth shall be taught and tend to grove thinking.

The minister of education in the first Czechoslovak government after liberation can be cited as a case in

point. He ordered that large photographs of Stalin must be exhibited in every little red schoolhouse in the country although no pictures of national heroes were mandatory. I saw more photographs of Stalin in Prague than any other person a year ago.

That's no longer true. What has Russia gained from practices criticized by many? From Moscow's standpoint a wide protective belt of land has been obtained. The Kremlin contends that any territory added or areas placed under Soviet domination is done to secure security for Russia against future attack.

Russia Only One to Gain

Russia has taken over all three former Baltic states and incorporated parts of Finland, Poland, Germany, Czechoslovakia and Romania.

What may happen to Austria, Hungary and Bulgarian territory from the standpoint of Russia is still not decided. Many point out that Russia is the sole Allied country to gain an extension of territory as a result of the war against the Axis.

Russia also has won economic control over large areas in central Europe and the Balkans.

In central European and Balkan countries any anti-Russian comment still is strictly taboo. But these same publications present the weakness and mistakes of the west with the greatest freedom.

Breadwinner Wants Chance To Spend Own

Chicago, Aug. 2 (UP)—John Pantle, 65, charged his wife with taking his paycheck every week and not letting him have any money for 24 years.

Pantle, testifying in superior court, said his wife, Mary, 86, spent all his money on racing and gambling, yet made him walk two miles to work every day and gave him only a small cigar allowance.

Pantle made the charge in a hearing on his wife's petition for temporary alimony. The case was continued until Sept. 9.

The elderly husband said that on hot days his fellow workers at a lead plant sometimes brought him cold drinks because they felt sorry for him. He quit working last January and filed suit for divorce, he said, when he discovered Mrs. Pantle spent her time drinking, gambling and buying racing tip sheets.

She goes to the track every other day," he said.

Mrs. Pantle denied the charge. "I don't even know who won the derby this year," she said.

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Washington, Aug. 2 (UP)—The Mead Committee met in closed session today to set up priorities for investigating war profits from the 500 leads it has on hand.

Sen. Homer Ferguson, (R-Mich.), a committee member, told reporters:

"The committee, if it wanted to, could start 500 new investigations tomorrow."

Up for committee discussion today were arguments over:

1. New steps in its inquiry into the Army's use of defective 4.2-inch mortar shells which exploded prematurely in combat, killing and maiming American soldiers. Stark new eyewitness accounts of such incidents by former GIs were disclosed late yesterday.

2. When to undertake a spot check of possible war profiteering in the aviation, automotive, aluminum and shipbuilding industries. Plans for this are under way with the asserted purpose of ascertaining whether renegotiation of war contracts and high wartime taxes actually "took the profits out of war" as Congress had intended.

3. Whether to assign a top priority to the case of Col. Theodore Wyman, much-investigated former district engineer at Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941. The joint Congressional Pearl Harbor Committee held that his activities needed special scrutiny.

4. Whether to send a subcommittee to Honolulu and the West Coast to conduct a preliminary investigation of Wyman's affairs.

5. What to do about countless new tips and leads received since the start of the Garson inquiry; some are said to foretell greater sensations than the Garson case.

6. Whether to call new witnesses to testify about reasons which led Rep. Andrew J. May to intervene twice with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower over the court martial of Murray Garson's son, Capt. Joseph H. Garson.

Whether to investigate the activities of Gen. Brehon B. Sumner (Ret.), former chief of Army Service Forces, in connection with the Canal and Alaskan highway projects in Alaska.

8. Whether to press an investigation recommended by Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren, who testified this week that untold billions of dollars were "given away" by the government in the termination of war contracts. Warren said he knew of incidents in which contracts were switched from a cost-plus to fixed-price basis in order to avoid a general accounting office audit and to provide more profits for contractors.

9. Whether to hold hearings on reported profiteering in connection with Treasury procurement for Lend Lease. Cases brought to the committee's attention are said to be small but to show instances of profits as high as 900 percent.

New "eyewitness" accounts of 4.2 shell failures were released in the wake of the committee's disclosure of a report that the Army several times halted shipments of all mortar shells to battlefronts rather than risk sending up faulty ammunition which might kill American soldiers.

One former GI charged that American boys had been "literally murdered" by shells they had been given to fire against the enemy.

The letters, bitter in tone and vivid in description, carried a former shell inspector's comment that no one in his company "would care to fire any of the shells that passed through our hands without first attaching a 500-yard lanyard and then getting into a deep hole before touching one off."

One former GI told of a gun crew in a chemical mortar battalion in Italy being "wiped out by this ammunition." Another said a gun crew at Fort Bragg, N. C., was "killed or seriously wounded" during tests with the mortars in 1943.

Reports To Specific Incidents

Excerpts from the letter of a former GI who saw more than 400 days in combat:

"On or about Nov. 23, 1943, in Filigiano, Italy... the 1st Platoon, Company C, 3d Chemical Mortar Battalion suffered its first 4.2 shell premature explosion with the loss of two men killed, three seriously injured and five other minor casualties."

"On or about Jan. 15, 1945, somewhere between Leutrois and Bastogne, Belgium... another 4.2 shell premature explosion. This time the shell exploded in the barrel killing three, seriously wounding two more and minor wounds to four others."

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994 Veterans Applying For Housing Units

Urgency of Need, Priority of Application To Be Considered

Priority of application and the urgency of need will be the two principal factors in selection of tenants for the 994 veterans' housing units which will be made available by the government this fall, according to a report by John C. Clancy, supervisor for the Housing Authority.

Applications total 994, the housing official said. Originally the number was believed to be greater, but duplications in registrants were found. Both the Veterans Advisory Center and the Housing Authority have been filing veterans' applications for rentals.

Mr. Clancy said the housing unit will work with the Veterans Advisory Center staff in selecting tenants. He said no special committee will be named for the work.

A proposal for co-operative building as a means for alleviating the shortage of homes for veterans will be studied by government housing officials at a meeting in the near future with George Gaul, secretary of a New Haven veterans' unit which sponsors a co-operative project, Mr. Clancy said. John J. Driscoll, State C.I.O. Council secretary, recently urged adoption of such a program here.

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Papers Recorded in Recent Realty Deals

Documents filed in the town clerk's office in City Hall include:

Mortgage Deeds

Stanley S. Baranowski to Waterbury Savings Bank, property on Dwight Street, \$6,000.

Emil Gaugler to Waterbury National Bank, trustee under the will of Albert E. Leggett, property on Peach Orchard Road, \$2,500.

Walter J. and Bertha M. Geraghty to First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Waterbury, property on Waverly Street, \$5,100.

Cecilia M. Karas to Waterbury Savings Bank, property on Water-town Avenue, \$3,400.

Stephen and Jessie Savino to Fred and Rose Grante, property on Congress Avenue, \$4,000.

Nicholas Sforza to Gaetano Tisico, property on Wolcott Road, \$2,600.

Alexander P. Varanelli to Thomas L. Jackson, property on Baldwin Street, \$10,000.

August Reed to Waterbury Trust Company, trustee under the will of Ada C. Williams, property on Handover Street, \$4,500.

George N. and Elizabeth M. Cook to Colonial Trust Company, executor on the estate of Sarah V. Chipman, property on Fairlawn Avenue, \$4,000.

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